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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>Application Number</i>	08/977,591
<i>Filing Date</i>	November 25, 1997
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on <u>July 28, 2005</u> (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered) ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____ iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ 	
b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ 	<u>09/12/2005 TBESHAMI 00000046 08977591</u> <u>01 FC:1801</u> <u>730.00 OP</u>
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3.	<input type="checkbox"/> Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.	
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